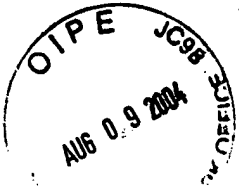


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: R. Mitra
KENNETH JACOBS, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 1653
Application No.: 09/729,674)
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Filed: December 4, 2000)
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For: SECRETED PROTEINS AND)
POLYNUCLEOTIDES)
ENCODING THEM) August 6, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004 for two months from June 9, 2004 to August 9, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

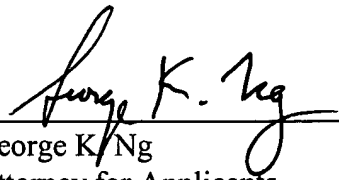
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